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MEMBER / OFFICER  
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received.

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman F. James Sensenbrenner
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Cheryl Warren Sensenbrenner  
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Friday, November 12th - Sunday, November 14th  
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Istanbul - Canakkale - Istanbul - Washington D.C.
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Turkish Coalition of America
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): final itinerary enclosed
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
  - a. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
  - b. ☒ the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; *and*
  - c. ☒ the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$2,661.80	\$434.70	\$112.67
For accompanying family member:	\$2,661.80	\$434.70	\$112.67

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	\$168.30	entrance fees, historian fees
For accompanying family member:	\$168.30	entrance fees, historian fees

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:

DATE:

11/29/10

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November 5, 2010

The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2449 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Turkey scheduled for November 12 to 14, 2010, sponsored by the Turkish Coalition of America.

This approval permits you to accept the charter aircraft transport paid for by TCA for the roundtrip flight from Istanbul to Canakkale on November 12, 2010. Pursuant to the Committee's *Travel Guidelines and Regulations*, issued on February 20, 2007, the use of charter aircraft for officially-connected travel is generally prohibited. The Committee, however, will grant an exemption to this restriction in limited circumstances, such as when the private sponsor demonstrates "that the cost of such travel does not exceed the cost of available business-class transportation."<sup>1</sup> According to the Private Sponsor Form:

A chartered flight is requested to transport the delegation from Istanbul to Canakkale at 8:30am and then back to Istanbul at 7:00pm on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. There are no commercial flights available at those times on Friday between Istanbul and Canakkale. We would like to note that the cost of chartered airfare per participant will not exceed that of business class airfare offered on similar domestic flights.

Further, additional information submitted to the Committee by TCA indicates that the per person cost of the charter aircraft is approximately \$115. Based on publicly available information, the business class airfare is approximately \$149. Thus, we note that it appears

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<sup>1</sup> Because the chartered flight is via previously-scheduled flight, the value of the flights is the cost of a first-class ticket from the point of departure to the destination. If more than one first class rate is available, the lowest first class fare may be used. If only coach class seats are available between those points, the value is the coach rate. If more than one coach class rate is available, the lowest fare may be used. See 2008 *House Ethics Manual* at 120.

that the cost of the charter aircraft travel does not exceed the cost of available business-class transportation for comparable routes. Therefore, it would be permissible for you to accept charter aircraft transport paid for by TCA, in connection with your proposed trip to Macedonia and Turkey.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 received from a foreign government by you or your spouse must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.



Zoe Lofgren  
Chair

Sincerely,



Jo Bonner  
Ranking Republican Member

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**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM  
For Members, Officers, and Employees**

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

**YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Congressman F. James Sensenbrenner

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Office address: 2449 Rayburn House Office Building

Phone number: (202) 225-5101

Email address of contact person: todd.washam@mail.house.gov

- ☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE:** You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct  
U.S. House of Representatives  
HT-2, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM**

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman F. James Sensenbrenner
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Turkish Coalition of America
3. Travel destination(s): Istanbul & Canakkale - Turkey
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Friday, November 12th - Sunday, November 14th  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: Mrs. Cheryl Warren Sensenbrenner  
c. Relationship to traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (*i.e.*, the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, check one of the following: ☒ N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)  
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or  
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐  
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (*indicate that form is attached by checking box*): ☒
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:  
Gain a better understanding of Turkey by meeting with historians, NGOs and university officials.

9. **FOR STAFF:**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employing Member

**NOTE:** This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM  
(provide directly to each House invitee)**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. ***You must answer every question on the form.***

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Turkish Coalition of America
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): additional page attached with list of invitees and invitation explanation  
additional page attached with list of invitees and invitation explanation
6. Dates of travel: Friday, November 12th through Sunday, November 14th
7. Cities of departure – destination – return: Istanbul - Canakkale - Istanbul - Washington D.C.
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities) (*Signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
9. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (*i.e.*, if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
  - a. N/A – I checked 9(a) or (b) above: ☒
  - b. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
  - c. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐  
If "c" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



11. Check one:
- I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒ or
  - N/A – trip sponsor is an institution of higher education. ☐
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:  
Purpose of the trip and role of TCA as sponsor detailed in full in attached document.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. a. Describe the mode of travel (air, rail, bus, etc.). For air travel, also indicate the type of aircraft (commercial, charter, or privately owned) and class of travel (coach, business class, first class, etc.):  
Commercial airlines (Turkish Airlines) will be utilized for transatlantic flights. The class of travel on these flights will be business. Buses and boats will be utilized for ground transportation purposes.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: Explanation of request for chartered aircraft to transport delegation from Istanbul to Canakkale at 8:30am and back to Istanbul at 7:00pm on Friday, November 12th detailed in attached document.  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or
  - The trip involves events that are arranged *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☒  
If “b” is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$100  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Purpose of the trip to selected locations detailed in attached document  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Ceylan Intercontinental (Istanbul, Turkey)  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): Ceylan Intercontinental: \$220/night  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: This hotel was selected due to its proximity to meeting sites.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$6,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
For each accompanying family member	\$6,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses ( <i>e.g.</i> , taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$150.00	entrance fees, historian fees
For each accompanying family member	\$150.00	entrance fees, historian fees

21. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

22. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name and title: Lincoln McCurdy, President

Organization: Turkish Coalition of America

Address: 1025 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone number: (202) 370-1399

Fax number: (202) 370-1398

Email Address: lmccurdy@tc-america.org

The Committee staff may contact the above individual if additional information is required.

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**TCA November 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 Congressional Trip**  
**List of Participants and Purpose**

1. Congressman Tom Cole (R-4<sup>th</sup> OK)
2. Congressman F. James Sensenbrenner (R-5<sup>th</sup> WI)

**Purpose of the Trip:**

The Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering cooperation between the United States of America and Turkey. The proposed TCA trip will commence at the conclusion of Franklin Center's TransAtlantic Conference on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Franklin Center, like TCA, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization committed to enhancing global understanding of important international issues. Through the TransAtlantic Conference, the Franklin Center will bring together participating members with Turkish government representatives to discuss some of the most pressing issues facing the United States and Turkey. The TCA-sponsored 2-day trip, on the other hand, is designed to complement the Franklin Center's program by offering the delegation an opportunity to understand Turkey through meetings with historians, government representatives and university, as well as NGO leaders. In visiting not just its most famous city, Istanbul, but participating in excursions and meetings in Canakkale – a port town located strategically at the entrance of the Dardanelles – participants will have a better grasp of the nation's diversity and its recent history that continues to preoccupy Turkey's collective psyche.

It is TCA's great hope that participating members will return from this 2-day trip having gained a broader perspective and first-hand knowledge of some of the topics discussed during the Franklin Center's TransAtlantic conference, with which they may better approach issues pertaining to the U.S.'s relations with Turkey.

**TCA-Sponsored Congressional Delegation Trip to Turkey**  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- 6:30am Depart Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel for Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW)
- 8:30am Depart from Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW) to Çanakkale Airport (CKZ) on chartered aircraft
- 10:00am Meeting with historian at the ruins of Troy
- 1:00pm Lunch at Maydos Restaurant with Governor of Çanakkale and Dr. Recep Boztemur, history professor at Middle East Technical University
- 2:30pm Board bus for Gallipoli
- 3:00pm Meeting with historian in Gallipoli on World War I and the founding of modern Turkey
- 5:00pm Board bus for return to Çanakkale
- 6:00pm TCA Dinner at Kolin Hotel on the Dardanelles
- 9:00pm Depart from Çanakkale Airport (CKZ) on chartered flight
- 10:05pm Arrive at Sabiha Gökçen Airport (SAW)
- 9:30pm Arrive at Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel

***Bridge between Europe & Asia on the Dardanelles – Çanakkale:***

The Turkish straits dividing Asia and Europe are comprised of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles. On the delegation's aerial descent to Çanakkale, a port town at the entrance of the Dardanelles, they will be provided with an inimitable view of the Black Sea, Sea of Marmara and Aegean Sea. This 17-mile long waterway supplies Western and Southern Europe with oil from the Caspian Sea Region. With 50,000 vessels – among them 5,000 oil tankers – passing through the straits annually, the Dardanelles are one of the world's busiest chokepoints. Çanakkale province is the site of two of the most famous battles that shaped Western civilization: the Trojan War and the Gallipoli Campaign.

**Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- 9:30am Depart Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel
- 10:15am Meeting with historian at the Hagia Sophia and in the ancient sector of Istanbul
- 1:00pm Luncheon briefing on the importance of the Bosphorus to national and global security and investment opportunities between the U.S. and Turkey with US Consul General Scott Kilner and Adnan Nas, Chairman of the board of Pricewaterhouse Cooper Turkey, at the Four Seasons
- 3:00pm Briefing by the President of TCA, Lincoln McCurdy, and Executive Director of the Turkish Cultural Foundation, Guler Koknar, on their respective organizations
- 4:00pm Return to hotel
- 6:30pm Depart Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel for dinner
- 7:00pm TCA farewell dinner on the Bosphorus with business, university, NGO and US Consulate representatives

**Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- 3:15am Depart Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel for Istanbul Atatürk Airport (IST)
- 5:55am Depart Istanbul Atatürk Airport (IST) on Delta Airlines Flight DL 9465
- 8:30am Arrive at Amsterdam Airport Schipol (AMS)
- 10:25am Depart from Amsterdam Airport Schipol (AMS) on Delta Airlines Flight DL0071
- 1:05pm Arrive at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
- 4:01pm Depart from John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) on Delta Airlines flight DL 3115
- 5:56pm Arrive at Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA)

### Request for approval of chartered flight from Istanbul to Çanakkale on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

A chartered flight is requested to transport the delegation from Istanbul to Çanakkale at 8:30am and then back to Istanbul at 7:00pm on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. There are no commercial flights available at those times on Friday between Istanbul and Çanakkale. We would like to note that the cost of chartered airfare per participant will not exceed that of business class airfare offered on similar domestic commercial flights.

In order for the delegation to better comprehend Turkey's juxtaposition as a bridge between East and West – connecting Europe, Asia, and the Middle East – we feel it essential for the group to travel beyond Turkey's largest and most well known cities, Istanbul and Ankara. Turkey's strategic importance lies not only its geography, but in its rich culture reflecting elements of all continents bridged.

Çanakkale province is located on the Dardanelles, the waterway that along with the Bosphorus forms the Turkish straits dividing Asia and Europe. Upon its soil two of the most famous battles that shaped Western civilization, the Trojan War and the Gallipoli Campaign, took place. The Trojan War is one of the world's first documented battles between East and West. Famously depicted in Homer's epic poem, the Iliad, the story of the Trojan War continues to span continents and generations.

This year marks the 95th anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign (known in Turkey as Çanakkale savaşları). In 1915, the Allied forces mounted this operation to control the Turkish straits, capture the Ottoman capital of Istanbul, and secure a sea route to Russia. This failed campaign conducted by ANZAC troops against Ottoman forces instead resulted in about half a million casualties, marking it as one of the bloodiest battles of World War I. The Gallipoli Campaign is remembered more today as the catalyst for the birth of national consciousness among Australians, New Zealanders, and Turks. A defining moment in Turkish history – the founder of the Turkish Republic eight years later, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, served as commander of the Turkish forces during this battle and was credited then as a hero who bravely led his forces to victory. The battle of Gallipoli is revered for bringing out the very best in all men who fought and died there. Due to the unique sense of respect that existed between the ANZACs and Turkish troops it is oft referred to as the "Gentleman's War."